

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment and the following remarks are intended to fully respond to the Final Office Action dated October 7, 2004. In that Office Action, claims 1-32 were examined, and all claims were rejected. More specifically, claims 1-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Leung (USPN 5,822,580). Reconsideration of these rejections, as they might apply to the original and amended claims in view of these remarks, is respectfully requested.

In this Response, claims 1, 5, 6, 7, 17, 29 have been amended; claims 8- 14 have been canceled; and new claims 33 – 42 have been added.

Interview Summary

Examiner, To Baoquoc, and applicants' representatives, Tim Scull and Tadd Wilson, conducted a telephonic interview on November 4, 2004. Applicants would like to thank Examiner Baoquoc for his time and effort in this matter. Applicants' representatives and Examiner discussed the cited prior art and the novelty of the present invention. Examiner made suggested changes to the claims that are reflected in the amended claims above.

Conclusion

Applicants believe this Amendment responds to each and every issue raised by the Examiner, but the Applicants do not acquiesce to any argument not addressed herein. As originally filed, the present application included 32 claims, 3 of which were independent. The application as now amended contains 34 claims, 4 of which are independent. A check for the fees required for the addition claims is included with this Response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment with respect to this patent application to deposit account number 13-2625.

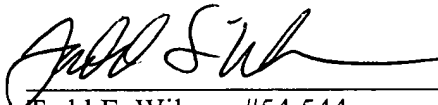
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In light of the above remarks and amendments, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any additional issues need to be resolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attempt to resolve those issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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